



Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

The next Community Crime Prevention meeting will be on:

Wednesday
July 19, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Long Beach Water Department
1800 East Wardlow Road

Please join us for an informative evening. This Community Crime Prevention meeting is open to everyone. Please bring your friends and neighbors.

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The Long Beach Police Department would like to warn residents regarding a string of thefts that have occurred to elderly victims in the East Long Beach area as a result of a scam. There have been at least four reported incidents where elderly victims, all in their 80's, have had belongings stolen from within their residences while they were being distracted by the suspect(s). Whether or not these incidents are connected is part of an on-going investigation. A description of the suspects and a summary of each incident are as follows:

1st Incident - occurred on May 11, 2006, at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the 2500 block of Vuelta Grande. Susp #1 - male Hispanic, 15-18 years-old, black hair, brown eyes, 5'6" tall, and 135 lbs. Susp #2 - female Hispanic, 13-15 years old, black hair, brown eyes, 5'3" tall and 110 lbs. Susp #3 - male Hispanic, 35-45 years old, black hair, 5'10" tall and 150 lbs.

Susp #1 and #2 knocked on the victim's side door and walked into the residence and claimed that they used to live down the street. Susp #1 then asked to use the bathroom while Susp #2 sat in the family room. When Susp #1 returned from the bathroom after 10 to 15 minutes, they told the victim they were going to the store and left. *continued on page 3*

NNO AGAINST CRIME



CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY FAIR

Please join the Long Beach Police Department
for
"America's Night Out Against Crime"
on

Tuesday, August 1, 2006
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Lowe's Home Improvement Parking Lot
2840 Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach

Residents throughout Long Beach and across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement to help build stronger police-partnerships and neighborhood unity in our fight for a safer community.

For further information, please call our Crime Prevention Unit:

Police Services Assistant Christa King **(562) 570-7274**
Community Relations Office **(562) 570-7215**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SHOWCASES



- ♦ "FOX" the Police Helicopter
- ♦ Police and Fire Safety equipment and vehicles on display
- ♦ See "Herbie" the Talking police Car
- ♦ See "Robbie" the Robot Police Car
- ♦ Crime Prevention Displays
- ♦ Have your children fingerprinted by LBPD
- ♦ Free BBQ and Hot Dogs

National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime"

Block Party Registration and "Meet Your Police" Request Form

We would like to acknowledge those of you who will be hosting your own National Night Out block event. We would also like to schedule a Police Officer or Crime Prevention Unit Staff Member to attend your event. Please complete and return this registration form today.

Please complete & fax or call this form into the Community Relations Division today.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____

Location of Meeting: _____

Did your group participate in the 2005 Annual National Night Out? Yes _____ No _____

What type of event is your neighborhood planning? _____

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The victim later realized that jewelry was missing from the home. The victim's husband who was working out in the front yard was distracted by Susp # 3 who had approached him and began assisting him with his yard work.

2nd Incident – occurred on May 31, 2006, at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the 600 block of Temple Avenue. Susp #1 – female Hispanic, 25-30 years, 5'6" tall and 110 lbs. Susp #2 – male Hispanic, 25-30 years, 5'5" tall and 140 lbs. Susp #3 – male Hispanic.

Susp #1 knocked on the victim's door claiming that her child was crying because their cat had gone into the victim's backyard. The victim refused the suspect's request to let her into the backyard, but went to the backyard to retrieve the cat only to find that the suspect had let herself into the backyard through the side gate. The suspect then left the yard and got into a vehicle that was occupied by Susp #2 and #3. A neighbor who had arrived home had witnessed Susp #2 walking away from the victim's home with a purse and getting into the suspect vehicle before the vehicle fled. The victim then discovered that her purse was missing from her home.

3rd Incident – occurred on June 10, 2006, at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the 7800 block of Tarma Street. Susp #1 – female Hispanic, 25-30 years. Susp #2 and #3 – male Hispanics, 25-30 years.

Susp #1 asked the victim if she could come into the victim's home to retrieve her cat from the backyard. The victim escorted Susp #1 to the backyard while Susp #2 and #3 waited inside the victim's home. A cat wasn't found and the three suspects left. Shortly thereafter, the victim realized that her purse was missing from her living room.

4th Incident – occurred on June 12, 2006, at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the 2200 block of Roswell Avenue. Susp # 1 – female Hispanic, 30 years, black hair, brown eyes, 5'8" tall and 160 lbs. Susp #2 – male Hispanic, 26 years, brown hair and eyes, 5'6" tall and 140 lbs.

Susp #1, who was accompanied by a small child, knocked on the front door of the victim's residence. The suspect said she was a friend of the victim's neighbor and needed to check her backyard because her neighbor was going to be sandblasting her home and she wanted to make sure her yard would be protected. The victim escorted Susp #1 to the backyard through the back door while Susp #2 waited in the front yard. Later that day, the victim discovered jewelry missing from her front bedroom and the dresser drawers ransacked.

All residents should be reminded never to let people they don't know into their homes under any circumstances, unless they can verify their legitimacy. If residents observe any suspicious persons or activity, they should call police immediately. Now that summer has arrived, residents are encouraged to keep their windows/doors locked at all times, and to invest in window/door securing devices that allow for proper ventilation.

Anyone who may have information regarding possible suspects, or victim of a similar crime who has not yet reported it to police should contact the Long Beach Police Department's Burglary Detail at (562) 570-7351.

COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

The next Community Police Academy is scheduled to begin August 30, 2006.

This course is a 15-week class, held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Participants must meet the following requirements:

- ♦ *Live or work in the City of Long Beach*
- ♦ *Minimum age of 21 years or currently enrolled in L.B. City College*
- ♦ *No outstanding warrants, pending criminal cases, or felony conviction*
- ♦ *Must be able to attend all but two of the scheduled dates of the academy for admission consideration and graduation eligibility*



If you're interested in participating in the February 2006 Class, please contact Sergeant Gail Dennison, Community Police Academy Coordinator at (562) 570-5910. You can also email your name, address, telephone number and a brief statement of interest or download an application at <http://www.longbeach.gov/police/> (in the announcements section).



Neighborhood Watch

This month's Neighborhood Watch Success Stories highlights an annual Appreciation BBQ pictures showcase:



2006 Gold Shield Awards Recipient, Mr. Jose Martinez
Block Captain, 100 West Plymouth Street



Please share your own Neighborhood Watch success story by emailing it to Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov

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